

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 16 are in the application and are presented for consideration. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 1 - 8 to improve the form of the claims and to more clearly highlight the important features of the combination according to the invention. Additionally, new claims 9 - 16 have been presented. These claims are similar to claims 1 - 8 but include additional features highlighting further aspects of the invention.

Claims 1 - 8 have been rejected as being indefinite. Applicant has now revised the claims paying close attention to the Examiner's comments. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the careful reading of the claims and for the helpful comments. Additional changes have also been made to improve the form of the claims generally.

Claims 1 - 5 and 7 - 8 have been rejected as anticipated by Bron (U.S. 5,113,382).

The Bron reference discloses a chronograph watch with a control arrangement. The structure of the arrangement is set to provide distribution of elements of the chronograph mechanism over the entire surface of the watch. Different concentric ring-type cams are provided for providing the chronograph mechanism. However, the reference fails to teach and fails to suggest an arrangement as according to the invention.

Claim 6 has been rejected as obvious based on Bron in view of Takahashi. However, the references fail to suggest the invention.

The invention provides a different approach and a very different mechanism. Instead of simply providing aspects of the chronograph watch, the invention provides the ability to use the same display member (such as a minute hand) to both display current time (the watch

function) and also to be used for elapsed time. With the invention, a set of wheels are provided including a first information wheel and a second information wheel. The first information wheel has associated with it an angular position that is a function of the state of a first piece of information. Likewise, the second information wheel is associated with a second piece of information to be displayed. The information is different.

As highlighted for example in claim 9, the different information is the current time such as 3:10 o'clock and an elapsed time, namely the measurement of an interval of time. The same minute hand either is in the 10 minute position with the hour hand near the 3 position indicating the current time or the hands are in different positions, namely based on an elapsed time, from a start position to a stop position and also based on reset, namely the normal chronograph function. The Bron reference clearly fails to teach or suggest such a mechanism and there is no suggestion in the references which would direct the person of ordinary skill in the art toward the combination claimed. The wheels 20, 23 and 25 of Bron permit the display of only one type of information, namely the elapsed time (in the form of seconds, minutes and hours) which has to do with the interval of time measured by the chronograph. This does not have any ability to also present the current time using the same display element or the same display drive (display wheel). Only Applicant's disclosure presents information as to a mechanism which provides this function with the claims now being clear in highlighting the combination of structural features. It is noted that the switches/pushbutton located at 2-4H of Bron only permit the start, start and reset of information displayed by the hands of the chronograph mechanism. There is no connection of this chronograph mechanism to a display member wheel for current time.

There is no use of two wheels with a connection to a display wheel operating a display member. Bron fails to teach the concept of providing the two information wheels corresponding to different information that is not interdependent and the ability to connect these to a display wheel for operating a display member to display information obtained by the chronograph permitting the measurement of an interval of time and also to display information as to the current time.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner favorably consider the claims as now presented. Reconsideration of the outstanding rejections is requested.

Further and favorable action on the merits is requested.

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